

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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This legislation promotes fairness among companies that provide landscaping, lawn care and pesticide application services. By this legislation; safety will be enhanced for untrained temporary workers that provide occasional pesticide application services through lawn care services. The legislation eliminates the use of "incidental" as an ambiguous standard for exemption from the professional applicator requirements. Individuals with two or fewer employees remain exempt. Summer high school and college workers will continue to be employed and will not be required to be licensed because they will be under the supervision of professional applicators who will direct the safe handling of pesticides as the label requires.

FISCAL NOTE

There will be no fiscal impact to local governments and the Department of Agriculture should notice modest savings in the regulatory efficiency.

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